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From: Simon, Paul [Simon.Paul@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/13/2016 10:33:59 PM
To: Enck, Judith [Enck.Judith@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Congressional Request for Records - Hoosick Falls & PFOA
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Here's the current status.

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From: Burneson, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 6:29 PM
To: Simon, Paul <Simon.Paul@epa.gov>; Wehling, Carrie <Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov>; Messier, Dawn <Messier.Dawn@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Congressional Request for Records - Hoosick Falls & PFOA

Thanks for your input on the draft response. I sent attached forward for review. It is essentially the version that Paul sent back tweaked this afternoon. The only other change made was in response to OCSPP (I was asked to coordinate with them at the last minute) who suggested inserting the name of the law firm that submitted the letter on behalf of Saint Gobain into the third paragraph.

I will keep you posted as this winds its way through the review process.

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From: Burneson, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 6:19 PM
To: Beauvais, Joel <Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov>; Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Congressional Request for Records - Hoosick Falls & PFOA

Joel and Peter:

Attached and pasted below (in case you are limited to viewing documents on your iPhone) is the text of the response letter that we drafted with Region 2 and OGC. We have also obtained OCSPP review and input. OCIR is expecting a final draft from OW by COB Friday. I am sending this to you both at the same time since I am not certain we can get sequential reviews with your travel schedules. Please let us know what comments/changes you have on the response letter so that we may incorporate your feedback and transmit to OCIR.

Thanks in advance.

Eric Burneson

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sincerely,

Joel Beauvais
Deputy Assistant Admin

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From: Beauvais, Joel
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 7:03 PM
To: Burneson, Eric <Burneson.Eric@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Congressional Request for Records - Hoosick Falls & PFOA

Thanks, Eric. Sounds like a plan. We are 12 hours ahead and I leave here 6 am on Friday so if there's any chance you could send a draft COB Wednesday (which is my Thursday am) I may have an easier time reviewing.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 12, 2016, at 1:56 AM, Burneson, Eric <Burneson.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Joel, Peter, and Betsy:
> Please find attached a letter to EPA from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. In a meeting with OCIR this morning, OW was asked to draft a narrative response to the letter and identify document custodians who might have responsive records. I agreed to serve as the OW point of contact for this and I will need your input as follows.
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> 1. Draft Narrative Response due to OCIR by Friday 7/15 - Lisa Huff, Meredith Russell and I will draft a response with input/review from Region 2 (Paul Simon) and OGC (Carrie Wehling). The response will state that we have initiated a search for responsive records, identify already publicly available documents (from FOIA online) and provide a summary of the actions EPA has taken to assist the State in responding to PFOA contamination in Hoosick Falls. We plan to share a draft with OGC and Region 2 by Wednesday. We need OGWDW and OW review of the draft prior to Friday. Peter and Joel; will your travel schedule enable you to review a draft response prior to our Friday deadline if we get this to you by Thursday?
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> 2. Document Custodians List due to OCIR by Friday 7/15 - OCIR asked Region 2 and OW to identify the individuals in their offices who may be custodians of documents that are responsive to the committee's request for "documents and communications to or from any EPA employee referring to Hoosick Falls, PFOA and/or Perfluorooctanoic acid, since May 1, 2014." OCIR will identify the search terms and ask OEI to perform a document search in the records of the identified custodians. The custodians will be asked to review the search results to help determine if the documents are responsive. OCIR is going to consult with both OCSPP and OLEM as to whether their offices may have individuals with responsive records. Betsy: Can you let us know who in OST should be identified as custodians with responsive documents?
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> Thanks in advance for your assistance.
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